

PROGRAM GUIDANCE:

Virtual Armory Website

ARNG education's latest information, updates, and portal. You can fill out your Federal TA application and submit it online. You can also submit other online applications such as request for degree plans, or request Student Guide to Success and eDiscover services.

ARNG State Education Service Office

Your state office is the Soldiers' local point of contact regarding education benefit information. This is the point of contact and approving authority for Federal Tuition Assistance applications. They also manage testing centers for the various exams, and facilitate GI Bill and student loan repayment program eligibility.

ARNG Education Support Center (ESC)

The Army National Guard Education Support Center (ARNG ESC) is the national level agency for education benefits for soldiers of the Army National Guard, their dependents, and civilian employees of the Guard. The ESC supports the state education offices and has subject matter experts who can help you maximize your education benefits. Services are available 12 hours daily, M-F, from 6am to 6pm CST. Counselors may be reached toll free at 1-866-628-5999, online at <http://www.virtualarmory.com/> or email esc@pec.ngb.army.mil.

Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)

Organization that receives applications, approves, and makes payments of GI Bill benefits. Regional DVA offices work with college Veterans Affairs representatives (usually within registrars/admissions departments) for paperwork certification. Regional DVA offices also work with State officials for apprenticeships and OJT paperwork.

Member's Unit/Recruiters

Your ARNG unit and/or local recruiter are your point of contact for gaining eligibility for the ARNG Kicker, and HPLR and SLRP benefits. Each of these programs have specific requirements and/or service commitment for eligibility.



For More Information:

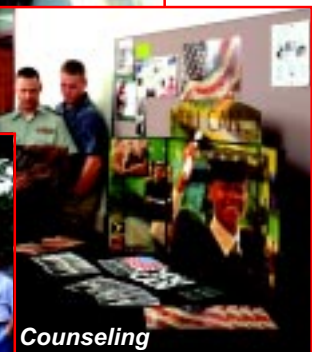
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Army National Guard EDUCATION BENEFITS





KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Go Ahead ... **EMPOWER** Yourself

		STATUS											
		Traditional Reservist Soldier	Traditional Reservist Soldier – prior Active Duty	Title 10 and Title 32 AGR Soldier	Military Technician	Mobilized	ADSW or ADT	Member's Spouse	ARNG Employee	ARNG Employee – Federal Technician	ARNG Employee – Federal DA Civilian	Contractor	State Employee
EDUCATION BENEFITS													
GI BILL	ACTIVE DUTY GI Bill (Chapter 30) For Vocational or Undergraduate through Doctoral Programs		●	✓	✓	●	●	▲	▲				
	RESERVE GI Bill (Chapter 1606) For Vocational or Undergraduate through Doctoral Programs	✓	✓		✓	●	●						
	Mobilization GI Bill (Chapter 1607) For Soldiers mobilized 90 days or more	●	●	●	✓	✓	●						
	ARNG GI Bill Kicker Supplemental bonus to GI Bill	✓	✓		✓	●	●						
	Apprenticeships / Work Study / OJT Receive your GI Bill dollars for working	✓	✓		✓								
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE	ARNG - Federal TA Tuition and fees up to specified cap	✓	✓		✓	✓							
	State Funded Education Programs Based on State guidelines/eligibility (TA, waivers, exemptions, loan repayment, etc.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		
	Active Army TA (AGRs and Mobilized enlisted Soldiers) Tuition costs paid up to specified cap			✓		✓							
	ROTC Scholarships Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty and Dedicated Army National Guard	✓	✓		✓								
	SLRP (Student Loan Repayment Program) Money to repay student loans	✓	✓			●	●						
	HPLR (Healthcare Professionals Loan Repayment) Money to repay loans for AMEDD officers	✓	✓			●	●						
TESTING	CLEP, DSST or eCLEP at Local Colleges Free testing for college credit. Test out of college courses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
	GRE, GMAT, PRAXIS, ACT, SAT, GED, ECE Free testing opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	Certification and Licensing Exams Funding provided (i.e. Microsoft, Medical, IT, Automotive, and hundreds more)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	Student Guide to Success Free test preparation to test out of 100's of college courses (videos, materials, etc.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
OTHER PROGRAMS	ARNG Education Support Center (ESC) One stop shop available 12 hours daily	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
	Troops to Teachers (TTT) http://www.proudtoserveagain.com/ \$\$ Incentives for veterans to become teachers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	Spouses to Teachers http://www.spousetoteachers.com/ \$\$ Incentives for military spouses to become teachers						✓						
	SOCGuard Military education outreach services and support of the ARNG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
	eDISCOVER Career self-assessment, counseling tool	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Army e-Learning Hundreds of vocational/prep programs for promotion points/potential college credit	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
	ACE Army Registry Transcript System (AARTS) ACE recommended college credit for Army training	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		●	●	●	●	
	Education Counseling/Degree Planning Personalized college degree plans and counseling by ESC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		



Contacts and Links:

ARNG State Education Services Office
(of respective State)
<http://www.virtualarmory.com/> — “education” tab

ARNG Education Support Center (ESC)
Toll Free: 1-866-628-5999
<http://www.virtualarmory.com/> — “education” tab

Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)
Toll Free: 1-888-GIBILL1 (1-888-442-4551)
<http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional
Education Support (DANTES)
Commercial: 850-452-1760
<http://www.dantes.doded.mil/>

SOCGuard
Toll Free: 1-800-368-5622
Commercial: 202-667-0079
<http://www.soc.aascu.org/socguard/>

Army/ACE Registry Transcript System (AARTS)
Toll Free: 1-866-297-4427
Commercial: 913-684-3269
<http://aarts.army.mil/>

✓ Usually Qualify For Benefits Pending Further Qualifications

● Retain Benefits If Previously Qualified

▲ In Select States or Special Circumstances